GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION DUE TO SHIPPING CASUALTIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of shipping casualties reported during last three years in the Indian waters alongwith the extent of pollution caused to the marine environment by each of these casualties; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINSITER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The details of shipping casualties reported during last three years in the Indian waters alongwith the extent of pollution caused to the marine environment by each of these casualties are given in the table below:

Sl.No.	Date	Name of the vessel/vessels	Remarks
1.	28th May, 1998	M.T. Orient Grace	No pollution caused.
2.	2nd week of June,1998	Several smaller & bigger vessels	No pollution caused.
3.	June, 1998	M.T. Orinoco	No pollution caused.
4.	7th July, 1998	M.V. Tiger Force	No pollution caused.
5.	21st July, 1998	M.T. Osool	No pollution caused.
6.	11th August, 1998	M.T. Rashmi	No pollution caused.
7	8th July, 1999	MV Pacific Acadian	500 tonnes of fuel oil spilled.
8.	30th July, 1999	MV Karunia Pacific	No pollution caused.
9.	9th November, 1999	M. V. Dubai Oasis	No pollution caused.
10.	10th April, 2000	M.V. Pranik Pravesh	No pollution caused.
11.	15th May, 2000	M.T. Rajendra Prasad	No pollution caused.
12.	7th June, 2000	MV River Princes	60 tonnes of fuel oil spilled.
13.	3rd July, 2000	M.V. Ventura	Caused minor pollution.
14.	19th July, 2000	MV Prime Value	40 tonnes of fuel oil spilled.
15.	9th October, 2000	M.V. Mangalam	No pollution caused.
16.	16th October, 2000	MV Jubiliant	No pollution caused.

(b) The steps taken by the Central Government to prevent marine pollution and oil spills from ships, inter-alia, include,
(i) drawing up of National Oilspill Disaster Contingency Plan,
(ii) equipping Indian Coast Guards with response equipment and vessels to deal with oilspills and
(iii) regular investigations and enquiries undertaken by the Directorate General of Shipping in accordance with Part XII of the Marine Shipping Act, 1958 regarding casualties of ships and making suggestions thereof for necessary remedial action to be initiated to avoid such casualties in future.